

REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated July 13, 2004. In the Office Action, the Patent Office rejected Claim 22 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Main* (U.S. Patent No. 5,618,064) in view of *Walz* (U.S. Patent No. 5,501,393) and further in view of *Coats et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 5,624,069). Applicant notes with appreciation that the Patent Office indicated that Claims 1-16 and 21 are in allowable form.

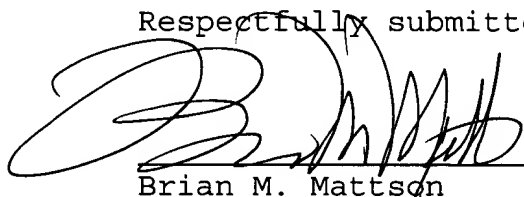
Applicant further notes with appreciation that the Patent Office indicated that "applicant may consider amending the claim to disclose that the mailing label and form are separate and distinct substrates, which are both detachably connected to a receipt card." Claim 22 was amended accordingly to the suggestion of the Patent Office. Applicant, therefore, submits that Claim 22 is also in allowable form. Notice to that effect is requested.

In view of the foregoing remarks and amendment, Applicant respectfully submits that all of the claims in the application are in allowable form and that the application is now in condition for allowance. Further, Applicant submits that neither further search nor consideration would be necessitated by entry of this Amendment; therefore, entry of this Amendment is proper and should be effected. In fact, the Patent Office specifically

identified that the amendment to Claim 22 would define allowable subject matter and place that claim in condition for allowance.

If, however, any outstanding issues remain, Applicant urges the Patent Office to telephone Applicant's attorney so that the same may be resolved and the application expedited to issue. Applicant requests the Patent Office to indicate all claims as allowable and to pass the application to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

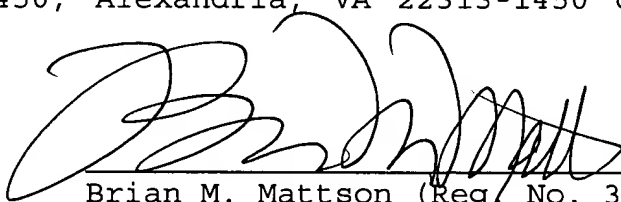


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